GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POOR PERFORMANCE SHOWN BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that despite of monitoring mechanism the rural development schemes especially PMGSY and MGNREGA are showing poor performance in many States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure proper implementation of the schemes;

(d) whether the Government proposed to conduct audit of rural development schemes by Comptroller and Auditor General of India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Rural Development has developed a comprehensive monitoring system for all the rural development programmes which include Management Information system (MIS) and Online Reporting. The State Governments have been advised to adopt a five-pronged strategy consisting of (i) creation of awareness about the schemes, (ii) transparency,(iii) people`s partnership, (iv) accountability, social audit and (v) strict vigilance and monitoring at all levels to improve the implementation process. The performance of the schemes in the States are reviewed regularly by the Ministry to address any constraint or shortfalls in its implementation.

(d) & (e): The Ministry of Rural Development in consultation with CAG has decided for performance audit of Mahatama Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)/National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

To begin with, the Ministry has requested to conduct performannec audit in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The check list for the performance audit of above mentioned schemes have been finalized with the office of Comptroller and Auditor General of India. No time frame has yet been indicated for conducting the audit and submission of report.